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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BERGLAND VISIT TO ROMANIA

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1. FOLLOWING SIGNATURE APRIL 26 OF MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF U.S. ROMANIAN WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION & TRADE (TO BE REPORTED SEPTEL), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS AND AGATT FRECKMANN MET BRIEFLY WITH VASILIU AND HERA TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND'S VISIT TO BUCHAREST MAY 23-25. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT FINAL DECISIONS ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SCHEDULE WILL HAVE TO BE LEFT TO SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GOR IN BUCHAREST, BUT FOLLOWING OUTLINE OF POINTS RAISED MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO EMBASSY.

2. SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS:
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-- TUESDAY, MAY 23. A) ARRIVAL NOW SET FOR 11:15 A.M. VICE 10:15; B) FRECKMAN SUGGESTED THAT SMALL WORKING LUNCHEON WITH NICULESCU (TO BE HOSTED BY SEC. BERGLAND) WOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO SIX AMERICANS: THE SECRETARY, HATHAWAY, THE AMBASSADOR, HUGHES, FRECKMAN AND ONE OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIAL; C) FOLLOWING LUNCHEON, SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETINGS WITH BURTICA AND GIOSAN; VASILIU

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RESPONDED THAT THESE REQUESTS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM; D) THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF WHO ELSE, IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S ABSENCE FROM ROMANIA, MIGHT APPROPRIATELY MEET WITH SEC. BERGLAND; IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE LEFT TO GOR TO DECIDE. EVENING RECEPTION.

-- WEDNESDAY, MAY 24. A) FRECKMANN REQUESTED THAT NOTHING BE ARRANGED BEFORE 9 A.M. AND THAT SCHEDULE PERMIT SECRETARY TO RETURN TO HOTEL BY 5 P.M.; B) FRECKMANN AND VASILIU INDEPENDENTLY CAME UP WITH SAME SUGGESTIONS FOR VISITS: A BEEF FEED LOT, A LARGE GREENHOUSE OPERATION AND A WINE INSTITUTE; C) VASILIU SUGGESTED THAT THERE BE A SIGNING CEREMONY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE RECEPTION; U.S. SIDE STRESSED THAT ANY DOCUMENT SHOULD BE SHORT AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL IN ORDER THAT BOTH SIDES NOT SPEND A LOT OF TIME NEGOTIATING DURING SHORT VISIT; VASILIU AGREED AND SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY AND MINISTRY PREPARE ANY DOCUMENT PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL; D) RECRIPROCAL EVENING RECEPTION.

3. WIVES' PROGRAM: FRECKMANN SUGGESTED THAT WIVES' SCHEDULE REMAIN FLEXIBLE SINCE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN MAY 24 VISITS WOULD DEPEND ON HOW TIRED THEY WERE. VASILIU SUGGESTED THAT WIVES VISIT SUCEAVA ON MAY 24, BUT AGREED THAT THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT LATER.

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4. HOTELS. FRECKMANN SAID THAT ENTIRE PARTY WOULD BE STAYING AT INTERCON. VASILIU OFFERED TO ASSIST IF NECESSARY IN OBTAINING ROOMS. (EMBASSY SHOULD BLOCK ROOMS AT INTERCON IF NOT ALREADY DONE.)

5. HOPE THAT ROMANIAN PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE IN TIME TO HAVE THEM HERE BY MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. IF LATER THAN MAY 5, THEIR PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT TO MOSCOW FOR SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION.

6. AS NOTED SEPTEL, THREE MEN HAVE BEEN ADDED TO GROUP. HOWEVER, ONE MAN ORIGINALLY LISTED, JAMES D. LOOPER, WILL NOT MAKE BUCHAREST VISIT. THESE CHANGES MAKE HOTEL ROOM NEEDS IN BUCHAREST TOTAL FOUR DOUBLES, FOURTEEN SINGLES AND CONTROL ROOM. THESE NEEDS DO NOT INCLUDE MR. AND MRS. FRECKMANN WHO WILL ARRIVE IN ADVANCE TO ASSIST WITH VISIT. VANCE

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